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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN KILLED IN RHODESIAN WAR

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FOLLOWING ARTICLE RAN IN MORNING PRESS OF MAY 27, 1977;
QUOTE THE BODY OF GEORGE WILLIAM CLARKE, A FORMER US
MARINE WHO ' LOST FAITH IN THE US' AND DIED FIGHTING BLACK
NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS IN RHODESIAN WAS CREMATED AFTER A
MILITARY FUNERAL YESTERDAY. MR. CLARKE, 28 AND SINGLE,
WAS KILLED IN A CLASH ON MAY 15 WHILE FIGHTING WITH THE
1ST. BATTALION, RHODESIAN LIGHT INFANTRY (RLI). FRIENDS
OF MR. CLARKE SERVING IN THE SAME UNIT SAID HE WAS BORN
IN THE US AND TAKEN TO CANADA AT THE AGE OF FOUR.
THE MILITARY COMMAND GAVE HIS HOMETOWN AS LEMON GROVE,
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CALIFORNIA, WHERE HIS FAMILY ONCE LIVED. A FUNERAL
SERVICE CONDUCTED BY A ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN WAS HELD
AT THE OCTAGONAL CHAPEL AT THE RLI BARRACKS. 'HE HAD
LOST FAITH IN THE US", SAID AN IRISHMAN SERVING WITH
THE RLI. ' HE FELT THAT IN RHODESIA THE GOVERNMENT IS
BACKING THE ARMY, NOT LIKE IN VIETNAM WHERE THE ARMY
WAS SOLD OUT BY POLITICIANS,' HE ADDED. THE IRISHMAN

SAID MR. CLARKE LIVED IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR SOME TIME
BEFORE HE GOT TIRED OF CIVILIAN LIFE AND SIGNED UP WITH
THE RHODESIANS IN JANUARY. END QUOTE. BOWDLER

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